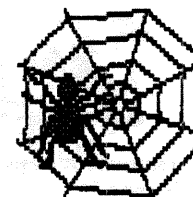


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A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed
"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive."
--Sir Walter Scott--



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Three Games Start!!

We begin new games of *DIPLOMACY* (p 2), *MACHIAVELLI* and *DUNE* (both on p 3) this time, which may make things a bit crowded come the November and December issues. "Coquito", "Kolchas" and "Bret Maverick" ought to end by December or January, freeing up some space. So, get your gaming druthers in soon.

As a limerick aficionado, I couldn't help passing on some press from Robert Skynner from across the pond. Since it isn't germane to any particular game, it's got its own section, the "Poetry Corner" on p 19.

In an article in the most recent *DIPLOMACY World* (Reference 1), J Francois claims there are 74,980,035,938,664 unique positions that can arise after Spring 1901 in a standard game of *DIPLOMACY*. That's nearly 75 trillion! Compare that to only 20 after White's first move or 400 after Black's in chess (well, OK, 21 and 421 if we count "Resign" as a move). Anybody want to verify the figure? Other articles include ex-Boriser Brad Wilson explaining the rationale behind his design of *Balkan Wars VI*, and several from Tim Haffey, recently Germany in "Boris XVIII".

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "They say we wizards are subtle. But believe you me, we've got nothing, nothing at all on *women*." -- Harry Dresden (as penned by James Butcher)

NEW ON THE WEBSITE: Access to all Vol 9 issues and a lot of Vol 8 issues, via the back issue option on the Boris home page. A map for *SILVERTON* is now posted. "Boris XVIII" has been moved to the finished section.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: This is how *CIRCUS MAXIMUS* should be played!

Chris Hassler's e-version of his zine *SoB* has a new address. See Reference 2.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) goes this month to Dave Anderson for his "Great Khan" press in "Kolchas".

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Mike Scott for late *KINGMAKER* orders.

REFERENCE:

1. <http://www.diplomacyworld.net>
2. <http://homepages.roadrunner.com/sobhome/index.html>

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Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 5 Oct 07



Some Speak!!

Winter 1911/12

XVIII
2005F

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Italian A TRI r-VEN. England builds A LPL, F EDI. Italy disbands F MTH & F BRE. Russia disbands F BOT. Turkey disdains to build.

ENGLAND (Anderson): I think this was my best defensive game as I was fighting Russia and Germany more or less from 1902. I finally got to push Germany and Russia into war with each other, but it was not enough to stem the Turkish tide as I was hoping to at least stop him from the low countries but to no avail. Congrats to Ali Jack.

ITALY: Sorry, friends, that I was unable to contain the Turkish Horde. It seems that the devil is stronger than the Pope. But the Pope should be forgiven since he is a mere mortal and not a cast-out angel.

TURKEY (Shacklett): Thanks to everyone for an interesting game. Special thanks to Ron Fisher and Rick Copeland for being allies at the right time. Especially keeping the email going after any stabs. Most of the fun in Diplomacy is doing the diplomacy. When someone doesn't respond to an email or snail mail letter you had better get ready for a problem. Much better is when the dagger is accompanied by some sweet words. Appreciated the way people picked up on the fetid feta cheese story as it made for some interesting press.

Especially want to thank Dr. Duc and Ms. Nar for the visit at the Crown Prince's nuptials and putting up with all the hectic last minute changes. A wonder I remembered to do moves (of course the threat of a super suds bomb can do wonders).



We Begin Again!
Winter 1900/01

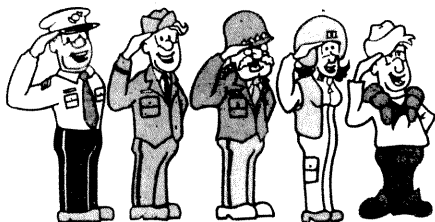
XIX
2007?

MINAS MORGUL: Our agents have done their work. The planet's major powers are a hairs-breadth from all out war -- a war that according to the "Thoughts of Queen She'ob VI" will sap their strengths and stunt their technological development: for a century by which time we will be firmly entrenched in this sector.

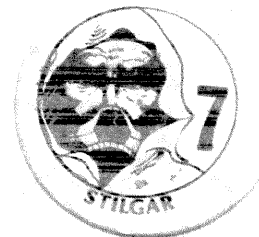
The Board

AUSTRIA (Wilson): A Bud, A Vie, F Tri.
ENGLAND (Fisher): A Lpl, F Edi, F Lon.
FRANCE (Anderson): A Mar, A Par, F Bre.
GERMANY (Nichols): A Ber, A Mun, F Kle.
ITALY (Copeland): A Rom, A Ven, F Nap.
RUSSIA (Saunders): A Mcs, A War, F Sev, F StP(sc)
TURKEY (Fryling): A Con, A Smy, F Ank.

Orders for Spring 1901 are due 2 Nov 07.



DUNE
We Begin!!



Atriedes (Wilson): 10T @ Arrakeen, 10R, 5L, 10S, (0/7) KH, 1C

Guild (Nichols): 5T @ Tuek's Sletch, 15R, 5L, 5S, 1 C.

Fremen (Anderson): 10T @ ?, 10R, 5L, 3S, 1C.

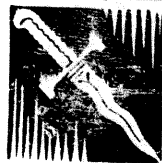
Harkonnen (Barrett): 10T @ Carthag, 10R, 5L, 2C, 10S.

Your traitor candidates are: _____
Your card is _____

Due next time are your choice of traitors and the Fremen set up. Fremen should remember to specify sector for any toke is in False Wall West or South.

Late news from "DUNE 6":

Wilson (Guild): It was nice to work with Dave and w.n. It seems the two of us end up on opposite sides more frequently than the same. It was also nice the others kept pounding one another, leaving us alone. With his foresight and my cash, it was actually an easy win. I give credit to Dave, he saw the opportunity before I did. Had we relied on me we might still be playing.



MACHIAVELLI
Scenario 2
We Begin



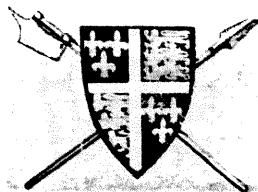
THE CAST

Austria (Barrett): A Aus, A Mes, A Swi, A Tri, F Pal, F Sar;
Florence/Papacy (Scott): A Are, A Bol, A Flo, A Per, A Rome, F Anc, F Pisa;
France (Nichols): A Avi, A Bari, A Mil, A Nap, A Salz, F Gen, F Mar;
Venice/Turks (Anderson): A Alb, A Pad, A Tre, F Dal, F Dur, F Tun, G Ven

PROVINCES:

Aus (0 d): AUS carin HUN MES PAL SAR SWI TYR
Fra (11 d): AVI Earl Gen MAR Mil Nap pro Salz
FI/P (10 d): ANC ARE BOL FLO pat PER PISA pist ROME s oo urb
T/V (13 d): ALB bos DAL DUR her PAD TRE TUN VEN
Autonomous: Cre Fer Luc Man Mod Mon Pav Pio Rag Sav Sie Tre Tyr

Rules sections 1-10 & 17 are in effect. Other advanced/optional rules can be voted in by unanimous consent of the players. FI/P and T/V are considered single countries for building and conquest purposes.



KINGMAKER

"King of Pain"

Turn 28 Combat - Turn 29 Combat

KoP

The Cast:

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Dovrey): Fitzalan (30), Warden of the Northern Marches (1150), Stanley (50), Earl of Richmond (40), Marshal of England (100) *Le Lucas*, Bouchier (10), Earl of Salisbury (30), Berkeley (10), Earl of Essex (20), Event cards (1), Crown Cards (1).

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Scott): Pole (30), Chancellor of England (50), Scrope (10), Earl of Wiltshire (30), Chancellor of Cornwall (1150), Swansea (20), Leicester (20), Holland (20), Duke of York (30), Courtenay (30), Admiral of England (50), Lancaster (20), Event cards (6), Crown Cards (3).

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Deb Anderson): Mowbray (50), Treasurer of England (50), Hastings (10), Bishop of Carlisle (30), Bishop of Durham (30), Cromwell (10), Earl of Kent (30), Steward of the Royal Household (50), Percy (10), Lieutenant of Ireland (250), Archbishop of York (30), Northampton (20), *Le Nicholas*, *Le Rose*, Beaufort (30), Constable of London (250), Carisbrooke, Newcastle, Event cards (4), Crown Cards (7).

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Shacklett): Stafford (30), Chamberlain of Chester (250), Nottingham (20), Neville (50), Audley (10), Roos (20), Herbert (10), Talbot (30), Greystoke (10), Irish Kerns (50), Event cards (5), Crown Cards (1).

WESTERN FRONT (Martin): Howard (10), Duke of Exeter (20), Warden of the Cinque Ports (50), Archbishop of Canterbury, Bristol (30), Coventry (20), *Le Swan*, Clifford (10), Earl of Worcester (30), Captain of Calais (350), Bishop of Lincoln, *Le Michael*, Event cards (6), Crown Cards (1).

TURN 28:

COMBAT: TCC (230) & MH (150) vs Percy (180) w/ King. Holland recruits 10 Saxons. Percy, performing an obscure Druid ritual, sacrifices the King to invoke "Bad Weather". Combat is (410:180 = 2.28:1); the Card is #24, 4:1 needed; neither Talbot nor Howard are present so overall = NO EFFECT. Did the King die in vain, or did the spell work?

CROWN CARDS: All get cards.

TURN 29

EVENT CARDS: (reshuffled)

MH: # 121, Royal Heir Escapes. Artie to Kingston (check this please).

TCC: #46, Peasant Revolt. Constable (Beaufort) to Blackheath, Stafford to Leeds

KPP: #99, French Treachery = n/e

SG: #89, Merce Go Home, Flemish Crossbowmen = n/e.

WF: #122, Royal Hunt = n/e.

MOVEMENT:

MH: Follow Percy (hold).

TCC: Scots Merce join Holland. Follow Percy (hold).

KPP: Percy follows Fitzalan (both hold in Oe, block each other). Mowbray and Hastings at Ne-Nd-Nc-Oe. Cromwell Ll-Mh-Nb-Nc-Oe. Beaufort follows Stafford, so Blackheath-Leeds. *Le Rose* Milford Haven-S16-S20-S24-S30-Preston.

SG: Hold.

WF: Ships *Le Swan* & *Le Trinity* S5-S6-S12-S15-Calais.

COMBAT:

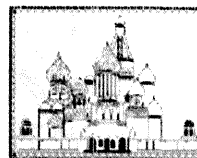
Oe: Fitzalan (100), Berkeley (30), Bouchier (40), Scrope (80), York (30), Pole (90), Holland (80) vs Percy (180), Mowbray (100), Hastings (10), & Cromwell (90). Net 450 vs 380 = 1.18:1. Leeds: Beaufort (280) vs Stafford (180). First turn of siege.

Again we'll go with a short deadline 1800 CDT 27 Sep, for combat orders.

NOBLES: Audley, Greystoke, Herbert, Neville, Roos @ Mf; Talbot in Ludlow. Beaufort @ Leeds. Berkeley, Bouchier, Cromwell, Duke of York, Fitzalan, Hastings, Holland, Mowbray, Percy, Pole, Scrope @ Oe. Clifford & Howard in Calais. Courtenay & Stanley on the Continent. Stafford @ Leeds.

SHIPS: *Le Christopher*, *Le Margarete*, *Le Lucas* @ Beaumaris, *Le Michael* interned @ Carisbrooke; *Le Nicholas* @ Corie, *Le George* @ Rye, *Le Swan* & *Le Trinity* @ Calais, *Le Rose* @ Preston.

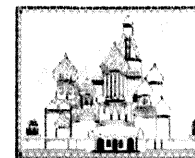
HEIRS: Reds: Margaret & Edward of Wales in Beaumaris; Artie @ Kingston; Pretender (20) w/ Fitzalan in Oe. Whites: Richard of York @ Oe w/ Holland, George @ Mf w/ Stafford; Edmund II of March in Calais. Henry VI. Richard of Gloucester, Edmund of Rutland (RIP).



KREMLIN

APARATSHIK DIES!

Year 3a



The Cast: (in Table order)

Brad Martin, Western Front (WF): 3 cards

Doug Kent, Whining Krem in Pigs (WKP): 3 cards

Paul Barrett, Politburo Bureaucrats (PB): 2 cards & #48

Mike Scott, The California Connection (TCC): 3 cards

Cary Nichols, Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS): 2 cards

Dave Anderson, Decaying, Licentious Antiquarians (DLA): 1 card, #47

Politburo

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	85+©	DLA (7), WKP(3), PB(2)
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	74+	DLA(2), PB(1)
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	56	
Defense Minister:	Schrukutov (B)	78w+	
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Boremtudev (K)	66+	
Economy Minister:	Nikotin (R)	59	REDS(1)
Sport Minister:	Putschnik (Y)	52	WKP(2) REDS(1)
Candidates:	NOTUJZ		People: CDEFHIJLMPQSX

3.1 CURE PHASE: REDS reveals 2 more IP on Y. Aparatschik continues taking the Cure, but still ages 1 SP to 86 for being FC. Palavrian stays at work so ages 1 SP to 75. Schrukutov ages 2 SP for staying at his weak job. Boremtudev stays at work so ages 1 SP to 67.

3.2 PURGE PHASE: KGB Head Palavrian purges Candidate N (9) then Sport Minister Putschnik (11), aging 2 SP. Card #47 reveals REDS has 1 IP on Bungaloff.

3.3 SPY INVESTIGATION PHASE: Schrukutov is uncontrolled so no action.

3.4 HEALTH PHASE:

Party Chief Aparatschik (A, 86+©) takes a "3" vodka martini lunch and dies happy.

KGB Head Palavrian (G, 75+) tortures "8" prisoners and grows ill (++)

Foreign Minister Nogoodnik (V, 56) shoots "19" squirrels, remains healthy.

Defense Minister Schrukutov (B, 80w+) attends "7" parades, grows ill (++)

Ideology Chief Bungaloff (W, 54) cuts down to "8" cigarettes a day, remains healthy.

Industry Minister Boremtudev (K, 67+) sleeps for "16" hours, remains sick (+).

Economy Minister Nikotin (R, 59) endures 3 days of briefings, grows ill (++)

3.5 FUNERAL COMMISSION PHASE: Nogoodnik must nominate either Palavrian or Schrukutov (default) for Party Chief. If the nomination fails, she must nominate one of the dissenter.

Due next time are your orders for the last half of Turn 3. If revealing IP on V, include nomination orders for both the 1st and 2nd round and if you'll use your IP to tie break for a candidate. All players should indicate who they will vote for or against out of the whole Politburo. Also include orders for the Replacement and Rehab phases.

Politburo

Party Chief:	<VACANT>		
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	76++	DLA(2), PB(1)
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	56	
Defense Minister:	Schrukutov (B)	80w++	
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Boremtudev (K)	67+	
Economy Minister:	Nikotin (R)	59++	REDS(1)
Sport Minister:	<VACANT>		
Candidates:	OTUJZ		People: CDEFHIJLMPQSX
KREMLIN WALL:	A		Siberia: NY

LEGEND: s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation, C# = card # remains as a bribe, © = taking the Cure.



BRITANNIA "Galvain" Turn 9



The Cast

Copeland: Purple
Zieske: Green

Anderson: Red
Martin: Blue

Score: Purple 30, Green 17, Blue 11, Red 4.

TURN 9

Roman forts crumble away and the 11 legions depart, leaving behind 3 R-Bs at York, 2 R-Bs at Essex & Sussex and 1 RB @ Hwicce to protect civilization.

Board:

R-Bs: 3A @ York; 2A @ Essex, Sussex; 1A @ Hwicce.
Welsh (0): 3A @ March; 2A @ Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd; 1A @ Powys.
Brigantes (0): 2A, L @ Clwyd; 2A @ Dairiada.
Picts (1): 4R @ Skye; 2A @ Mar; 1A @ Alban, Moray, Dunedin.
Caledonians (1.5): 2A @ Hebrides, Orkneys; 1A @ Caithness.
Irish: 3R, 1A @ Atlantic.
Scots: 2A @ Irish; 1A @ Strathclyde.
Jutes: 3R, 1A @ Channel.
Saxons (1): 8A, Hengist @ Frisia; 2R @ Channel; 2A @ Devon; 1A @ Avalon.
Angles: 4R @ Frisia, 3A @ North.

R-B: 3A York-N Mercia-Hwicce, 2A Essex-Downlands, 2A Sussex-Wessex-Avalon, 1A Hwicce-Avalon (6,4,2:3 -1 Saxon). Score 1 VP. R-Bs are overpopulated and lose 2A @ Hwicce.

WELSH (0): Grow 3.5 pp. Add 1A @ Powys. 1A March-York.

BRIGANTES (0): Grow 1 pp. Hold.

PICTS (1): Grow 2.5. Add 1A @ Dunedin, 4A Skye-Caithness (6,5,4,2:2 -Caledonian), 1A Dunedin-Lothian-Galloway, 1A Mar-Icelandic-Skye.

CALEDONIANS (1.5): Grow 1 pp. Hold.

IRISH: 3R, 1A Atlantic-Dyfed (6,5,3,2:3,1 -2 Welsh, 3R w-Atlantic).

SCOTS: Grow 1 pp. 2A Irish-Strathclyde-Dunedin (5,3:3 -Pict). 1A @ Strathclyde continues distillation of malt.

JUTES: 1A, R Channel-Cornwall. 2R Channel-Kent (w-Channel).

SAXONS (1): Grow 0.5 pp. *1st Wave:* 4A, Hengist Frisia-Channel-Devon-Avalon, 2R Channel-Wessex-Avalon (6-1,6+1,5+1,5,4,1:6,4,1 -3 R-Bs, -1 Saxon *), 1A Frisia-Suffolk-S Mercia, 1A Frisia-Suffolk-N Mercia, 2A Devon-Avalon-Hwicce (4,4:1; 3,3:2 **), 2A Frisia-Essex-Downlands (4,1:4,3 Saxons r-Essex).

*Saxons must declare whether they'll take an A or R as the loss in Avalon

** R-B may retreat to Downlands

Hengist to Roman British in Avalon: No Camelot in Avalon. Morgana LaFay sends her regards.

Score: Purple 53, Green 22, Blue 17, Red 4.

Board:

R-Bs: 3A @ Avalon; 2A @ Downlands; 1A @ Hwicce.
Welsh (0.5): 2A @ Gwent, Gwynedd, March, Powys; 1A @ York.
Brigantes (1): 2A, L @ Clwyd; 2A @ Dairiada.
Picts (0.5): 4R @ Caithness; 1A @ Alban, Galloway, Mar, Moray, Skye.
Caledonians (2.5): 2A @ Hebrides, Orkneys.
Irish: 3R @ Atlantic; 1A @ Dyfed.
Scots (1): 2A @ Dunedin 1A @ Strathclyde.



PUERTO RICO Turns 9-10



The Cast:

John Butitta Andy York Brad Martin Bill Salvatore Ron Fisher

Turn 9 (concluded)

Butitta chooses *Captain* (+1d) and loads 2 sugar (2+1 VP); 8-ship is full. York loads 5 indigo on 6-ship (+5 VP). Martin ships 1 corn (+1 VP) on 7-ship. Salvatore ships 1 indigo (+1 VP); 6-ship is full. Fisher ships 1 corn (+1 VP). Butitta ships 3 corn (+3 VP). Salvatore ships 1 corn (+1 VP). Martin jettisons 2 indigo. Two ships sail and cargoes of indigo and sugar are returned to stock.

York chooses *Craftsman* and produces 4+1 indigo and 1 sugar. Martin produces 2 indigo, 1 sugar, 1 corn. Salvatore produces 2 tobacco, 1 sugar, 1 indigo, 1 corn & 3d. Fisher produces 1 indigo & 1 corn. Butitta produces 2 corn, 1 indigo, 2 sugar.

Martin chooses *Settler* (+1d) and takes Quarry and, at random, Tobacco. Salvatore takes Corn. Fisher takes Sugar(x). Butitta takes Tobacco(x). York takes Tobacco. Mayor and both Prospectors gain 1d. The last plantation, Coffee, is drawn, then four more from the reshuffled discards.

Turn 10

Governor Fisher chooses *Trader* and sells indigo (1+2d). Butitta sells sugar (+2d). York can't sell. Martin sells corn (0+3d). Salvatore sells tobacco (3+1d). Trading House clears.

Butitta chooses *Builder* and builds a ?????? (?c, 3 cr). York builds Hacienda (2d). Martin builds Tobacco St (4d, 1 cr). Salvatore builds Guild Hall (10:1). Fisher builds Harbor (5d, 3 cr).

York chooses *Captain* and ships 5 indigo on 6-ship (5+1 VP). Martin ships 2 sugar on 8-ship (+2 VP). Salvatore ships 1 indigo (-1 VP); 6-ship is full. Fisher ships 1 corn (+1 VP); 7-ship is full. Butitta ships 1 sugar (+1 VP). York ships 2 sugar (+2 VP). Salvatore ships 1 sugar (+1 VP). 6-ship and 7-ship sail and return cargoes to stock. Martin jettisons 1 indigo.

Martin chooses *Mayor* (+1d) and places colonists on Tobacco, Tobacco St. & Quarry. Salvatore places colonist on Corn. Fisher places on Harbor and shifts colonists from L Indigo and Sugar to Coffee Roaster. Butitta places on ??????. York places colonist on Hacienda and transfers one from San Juan to Tobacco. Colony Ship loads 13? new colonists.

Fisher: Gov. *Trader*. S Market(x), Hospice(x), Office(x), L Indigo(x), Roaster(x,x) Harbor(x). Corn(x), 2xCoffee(x), 3xQuarry(x), Indigo(x), Sugar(_), 0d, 6 VP.

Butitta: *Builder*. S Indigo(x), Hospice(x), L Sugar(x,x), S Warehouse(x), ???(x). Indigo(x), 2xCorn(x), 2xSugar(x), 2xQuarry(x), Tobacco(x), 3-?d, 14 VP, 1 SJ, 2 indigo, 1 corn.

York: *Captain*. S Indigo(x), L Indigo(x,x), S Sugar(x), Hacienda(x), 4xIndigo(x), 3xSugar(x), Tobacco(x), 0d, 23 VP.

Martin: *Mayor*. S Indigo(x), L Sugar(x), L Indigo(x), Hacienda(x), L Market(x), S Sugar(_), Tobacco St(x), 2xIndigo(x), Quarry(x), 2xSugar(x), Sugar(_), Coffee(_), Corn(x), Corn(_), Quarry(x), Tobacco(x), 1d, 12 VP, 1 indigo.

Salvatore: S Market(x), Tobacco St(x), S Sugar(x), S Indigo(x), Factory(x), S Warehouse(x), L Sugar(_), Guild Hall(_), 2xCorn(x), 2xTobacco(x), Sugar(x), Indigo(x), Tobacco(_), 7d, 9 VP, 3 tobacco, 1 corn.

AVAILABLE BUILDINGS: All but S Market, Hacienda, Hospice, S Indigo, L Indigo, L Sugar, S Warehouse, Factory.

AVAILABLE PLANTATIONS: Quarry, Coffee(x2), Indigo, Sugar, Tobacco(x2)

AVAILABLE ROLES: Craftsman, 2xProspector(1d), Settler

COLONY SHIP: 13?

SHIPS: 6-ship, 7-ship, 8-ship(6 sugar)

STOCK: 75 VP, 16 colonists, 9 coffee, 7 corn, 9 indigo, 5 sugar, 6 tobacco

TRADING HOUSE: Empty.

Jutes: 2R @ Channel, 2A @ Cornwall.

Saxons (1.5): 8A 2R(-1), Hengist @ Avalon; 2A @ Essex, Hwicce*; 1A N Mercia, S Mercia.

Angles: 4R @ Frisia, 3A @ North.



BLACKBEARD

Turns 156-161



THE CAST:

1. (Barrett) Tew: Sloop
2. (Zodda) Davis: Sloop
2. (Bargender) Vane**, Sloop
4. (Martin) Rackham: Schooner.

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cua	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	S19a	+3	6	18	5	3	855	--	--	--	NP
4	Rackham	Scnr	C23i	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200	--	--	B
4	Rheti*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	12sc								
3	Herdman	KC	DD18	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	14sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	P11	+3	4	2	(1)	7	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	5	5	0	6	839	--	--	--	--

The Board:

Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41
 Merchants: 46, 46, 13, 45, 15, 15, 21, 65, 43
 Warships: ??? @ S19, B10-4 @ W15
 Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portugese (#1), Taylor (#3)
 Letters of Marque: PFB
 Safe Havens: Vane(Port Royal)

Turn	Player	Action	Draw
156	2	HD weighs anchor and moves 6+3 to P14, search = no	14, 23
157	1	TT declines to attack (B)3 at #15, -1 Unr	*E, 22
		Merchant appears at 22	12, 51
		Random Event (reshuffle); hull damage -1 MP	46
158	4	JR moves 4+3 to H18i	53
159	4	JR moves 3+3 to J17i	35
160	3	CV refits. CBT to 6	62, 11
		Remove Even Merchants, add Merchant @ 11	61, 15
		Remove Odd Merchants, add Merchant @ 15	*C, 63
		Draw 2 Merchants @ 63	36
161	3	Herdman moves DD18-AA17	21
162	1		

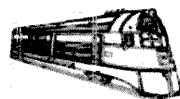
STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cua	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	P14	+3	6	18	5	3	856	--	--	--	NP
4	Rackham	Scnr	J17i	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200	--	--	B
4	Rheti*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	12sc								
3	Herdman	KC	AA17	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	14sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	P11	+2	4	2	(1)	7	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	6	5	0	6	839	--	--	--	--

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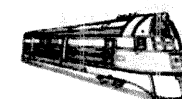
Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41
 Merchants: 15, 63, 63
 Warships: ??? @ S19, B10-4 @ W15
 Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portugese (#1), Taylor (#3)
 Letters of Marque: PFB
 Safe Havens: Vane(Port Royal)

LEGEND: * = minor wound, ** = lost arm, a = anchored, i = Indian Ocean



RAIL BARON

First Blood!!



THE CAST

Brad Martin (Blue), 15 k\$, CB&Q, B&M
 Chris Bailey (Purple), 16 k\$
 Andy York, (Green), 14.5 k\$, C&NW
 Ron Fisher, (Red), 32.5 k\$, X

Turns 5.1-13.3

5.1: Blue rolls 12. On CB&Q at Omaha, to St. Louis on CB&Q (-1+10 k\$). Purchase B&M (-4 k\$). Rolls 6-odd, NC = Choice = SW, then 9-even = LA. Red die out is 4. Take MP to Kansas City.
5.2: Purple rolls 4. On SF 1 E of LA into LA (-1+16.5 k\$). Buys NYNH&H (-4 k\$).
5.3: Green rolls 4. On N&W 4 SE of Cincinnati. Moves to Cincy, transfers to C&O (-1 k\$).
5.4: Red rolls 4-even, 8-odd = Louisville, then rolls 2+1. Moves to New York on NYNH&H (-1 k\$ to Purple).
6.1: Blue rolls 4. On MP @ KC, Blue rolls 4. On MP @ KC, moves to 4W of KC on AT&SF (-1 k\$).
6.2: Purple rolls 4-odd, 7-odd = Atlanta, then 5, moves 5E on AT&SF (-1 k\$).
6.3: Green rolls 8. On N&W @ Cincy, moves on C&O to Chicago then CRI&P to Des Moines (-1+11.5 k\$). Buys SAL (-14 k\$).
6.4: Red rolls 9. On NYNH&H @ NY, moves on PA to 1W of Columbus (-1 k\$).
7.1: Blue rolls 9, move 9 on AT&SF to 5E of Phoenix (-1 k\$).
7.2: Purple rolls 10, moves on AT&SF from 5 E of LA to 1 E of Tucumcari switch to CRI&P, then 1E (-1 k\$).
7.3: Green rolls 7-odd, 7-odd = Detroit, roll 9. At Des Moines, take CRI&P to Chicago then NYC to Detroit (-1+6.5 k\$). Buy RF&P (-4 k\$).
7.4: Red rolls 2,2. Move on PA from Dayton to Louisville (-1+10.5 k\$). Buy FA (-30 k\$). Roll 6-even, 5-odd = San Diego. Red die out is 5. Move 5 on IC to Memphis.
8.1: Blue rolls 8, moves on AT&SF to 1E of LA (-1 k\$).
8.2: Purple rolls 6. Moves on CRI&P to 1W of L Rock (-1 k\$).
8.3: Green rolls 11-odd, 2-odd = New York, then 3. On C&O move Detroit to Buffalo (-1 k\$).
8.4: Red rolls 7. Moves on CRI&P to 1W of Oklahoma City (-1 k\$).
9.1: Blue rolls 10. Moves to LA on AT&SF (-1+20.5 k\$), buys C&O (-20 k\$).
9.2: Purple rolls 6. 1W of L Rock on CRI&P to Memphis, on SOU to Birmingham (-1 k\$).
9.3: Green rolls 6. On NYC to New York (-1+6.5 k\$). No buy.
9.4: Red rolls 7. Moves Memphis to 1W of Oklahoma City on CRI&P (-1 k\$).
10.1: Blue rolls 5-odd, 11-odd = Knoxville, then 12+4. Move from LA to 3W of Ft. Worth on AT&SF (-1 k\$).
10.2: Purple rolls 7. Birmingham to Atlanta on SOU (-1+23 k\$). Buy AT&SF (-40 k\$).
10.3: Green rolls 10-odd (NE = Choice = SE), 9-odd = Knoxville, then 8, move on NYC to Toledo (-1 k\$).
10.4: Red rolls 3. Moves on CRI&P to 1E of Tucumcari (-1 k\$).
11.1: Blue rolls 7. Moves on ATSF & CRI&P to 2W of Little Rock (-1 k\$ to Purple & Bank).
11.2: Purple rolls 7-even, 7 odd = Las Vegas, then 5. Move on SOU to Memphis (-1 k\$).
11.3: Green rolls 4, moves on NYC to Cincinnati, then 1S on L&N (-1 k\$).
11.4: Red rolls 4+4, moves CRI&P to Tucumcari then on SP to 2 SE of Phoenix (-1 k\$).
12.1: Blue rolls 9, moves on T&P to Dallas then take the SL&SF to 2W of L Rock, then CRI&P to Little Rock (-51k).
12.2: Purple rolls 5, moves on CRI&P to 1E of Oklahoma City (-1 k\$).
12.3: Green rolls 9, moves on L&N (7.5-1 k\$). Buy ACL (-12 k\$).
12.4: Red rolls 2+6, moves on SP to LA, then 1S on AT&SF (-1 k\$ to Bank, -5 k\$ to Purple).
13.1: Blue rolls 4, moves on CRI&P to Memphis, then on SOU to 2W of Chattanooga (-1 k\$).
13.2: Purple rolls 12+4, moves on AT&SF to 4E of LA (-1 k\$).
12.3: Green rolls 11 even, 5 odd = Denver, then 11, moves ...

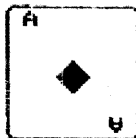
Status:

Player	Cash	Destination	Payoff	RRs
Blue:	3.5 k\$	Knoxville	23.5 k\$	CB&Q, B&M, C&O
Purple:	10.5 k\$	Las Vegas	23.0 k\$	NYNH&H, AT&SF
Green:	3.5 k\$	Denver	14.5 k\$	C&NW, SAL, RF&P, ACL
Red:	0 k\$	San Diego	22.5 k\$	Express, PA

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1870

"Drot Mavorioh"
OR 5a-12 6c



PLAYER STATUS:

Chris Bailey: \$31, grsc, gsc, 4* KATY, 2 SP, 1 AT&SF
 Chuck Hanna: \$1, 7* AT&SF, 2 SL&SF, 1 KATY
 Paul Zieske: \$13, 1 KATY, 1 SP, 5* FW&D, 1 AT&SF, 2 SL&SF
 Paul Bolduc: \$0, 3* SL&SF, 1 KATY, 1 AT&SF, 1 SP
 Mark Frueh: \$33, 5* SP, 5* GM&O, 1 FW&D

CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Held	Cash	Dest	Trains	Tokens
SL&SF	PB	B120	100	2	1	0	675	nc	3--	E12, 2, D, mtrc
SP	MF	C110	68	0	0	1	4	nc	33-	N1, M6, 1, D
AT&SF	CH	C90	72	0	0	0	40	nc	33-	B9, B11, 1, D, sec
FW&D	PZ	E72a	82	4	0	0	360	nc	34-	J3, 1 D
GM&O	MF	E72b	76	4	1	0	760	nc	---	(M20), 1, D
KATY	CB	150y	68	0	1	2	0	nc	4--	B11, B9, 1, D, mkt

OR 5a:

Privates pay AT&SF & SL&SF +\$10, KATY -\$20, and CB \$20.
SL&SF: Lay #14(e) in H17. Play token in H17 (-\$40). Run E12-H13-H17 (\$80). Pay dividends (PB \$24, SL&SF, CH & PZ \$16). Stock moves to B140. Buy 4-train (-\$300).
SP: Lay #8(w) in M4 and #7(ne) in N5(ne). Run N1-M2-M6 (\$80) & N1-M2-M6 (\$80). Pay dividends! MF +\$80, CB +\$32, PZ, PB & SP +\$16. Stock value moves to C120.
AT&SF: Lay #27(ne) in C8. Run B9*-A10-E11 (\$80) & B9*-E11-E12 (\$100). Pay dividends (CH -\$126, CB, PB, & PZ +\$18). Price to C100.
FW&D: Lay #15 in J3(se). Run J3-J5 (\$50) and J3-K4-J5 (\$60). Pay dividends (PZ +\$55, FWD +\$44, MF +\$11), price to E76.
GM&O: Lay initial token in M20. Lay #57(w) in M20 and #8(sw) in M18, no train or run - stock falls to E68, buy 1-"4" train from the bank for \$300 and 1-"3" train from the SP for \$120.
KATY: Lay #9(sw) in D7 and #8(se) in E6; run B9-B11-E12-H13 (\$110); pay divs (CB +\$44, KATY -\$22, CH, PZ & PB +\$11); price to \$55y.

OR 5b:

Privates pay AT&SF & SL&SF +\$10, KATY +\$20, and CB \$20.
SL&SF: Lay #14(e) in H13. Run E12-B9 (\$60) & E12-H13-H17 (\$90). Pay dividends (PB \$45, SL&SF, CH & PZ \$30). Stock moves to B160.
SP: Lay #8(sw) in L7 and #9(e) in L9. Run N1-M2-M6 (\$80). Pay dividends! (MF +\$40, CB +\$16, PB, PZ & SP +\$8) - stock moves to C140, buy "4" train from GM&O for \$3.
AT&SF: Lay #8(nw) in F7 and #9(ne) in G6. Run B9*-A10-E11 (\$80) & B9*-E11-E12 (\$100). Pay dividends. (CH +\$126, CB, PZ, & PB +\$18). Share price to C110. Buy no train.
FW&D: Lay #9(ne) in I4 and #9(ne) in H5 (-\$40). Run J3-K4-J5 (\$60) and B9-J3-J5 (\$80). Pay dividends (PZ +\$70, FWD +\$56, MF +\$14). Price to E82.
GM&O: Lay #6(ne) in N17 (-\$80) and #7(e) in N15 (-\$80). Run M22-M20-N17 (\$60). Pay dividends! (MF +\$30, GM&O +\$24). Stock moves to E72.
KATY: Lay #8(w) in G16 and tile #8 in G14(sw); run E12-B11-B9-J3 (\$120); pay (CB +\$48, KATY -\$24, CH, PZ & PB +\$12); stock to H60y.

OR 6:

Bailey sells 1 AT&SF, 2 SP and buys T&P Pres, sets par at \$100 (+\$110+\$280-\$200). CH doesn't price protect (AT&SF to D100) & MF can't (SP to D120).
 Hanna buys SL&SF at par and sells 3 SL&SF shares (-\$100+\$480). SL&SF to D120b.
 Zieske sells 1 SL&SF (price on ledge) and 1 KATY (price to \$55y), and buys Pres cert StLSW (Cotton Belt) at \$72 par (+\$120+\$60-\$144). Bailey & Bolduc do not price protect.
 Bolduc has SL&SF redeem pool share (-\$120).
 Frueh buys SP from pool. (-\$120)
 Bailey buys T&P (-\$100).
 Hanna buys presidency of MP, par \$100 (-\$200).
 Zieske buys StLSW (-\$72).
 Bolduc buys 1 SL&SF from IO (-\$100).
 Frueh buys KATY from pool (-\$55)

Bailey buys T&P (-\$100)
 Hanna buys MP (-\$100).
 Zieske buys StLSW (-\$72).
 Bolduc & Frueh pass. Bailey buys T&P (-\$100).
 Hanna buys MP (-\$100).
 Zieske buys StLSW (-\$72).
 Bolduc & Frueh pass. Bailey buys T&P (-\$100). T&P floats! (-\$100)
 Hanna buys MP (-\$100).
 Zieske buys StLSW, sells 1 StLSW; price to F68 (+\$72). StLSW floats!
 Bolduc, Frueh & Bailey pass. Hanna buys MP (-\$100). MP floats!
 Zieske buys 1 FW&D (-\$82).
 Bolduc sells 1 SL&SF and buys 1 SP (+\$120). SP sold out! SL&SF on Ledge.
 Frueh & Bailey pass. Hanna buys FWD (-\$32).
 Zieske, Bolduc, Frueh, & Bailey pass. Hanna sells 1 MP, buys T&P (+\$100). MP to B9.
 Zieske, Bolduc, Frueh, & Bailey pass.
 Hanna sells 1 T&P, buys Katy (-\$55) Katy sold out! T&P to E90.
 All pass. Zieske has the Priority. SP and KATY are sold out so rise to C140 and H60y.

OR 6a:

Privates pay AT&SF & SL&SF +\$10, KATY +\$20, and CB \$20
SP: Lay #57 in L11(w) for \$60 and #9 in L13(w) for \$80, run N1-M2-M6-N7 (\$100) & N1-M2-M6 (\$80), pay dividends! (MF +\$108, PB +\$36, PZ & SP +\$18). Price moves to C160.

SL&SF: Lay #8(nw) in I18 & #9(ne) in J17. Run B9-E12 (\$60) & E12-H13-H17 (\$90). Pay dividends (PB +\$45, PZ & SF +\$15). Price to D140.

AT&SF: Lay #8(sw) in A12 & #8(w) in A14. Run B9*-B11-E12 (\$100) & B9*-J3-J5 (\$90). Pay dividends (CH +\$133, PZ & PB +\$19). Buy no train. Price to D110.

MP: Base token in C18. Lay #6(ne) in C18 (-\$40) & #57(ne) in B19. No train, no run, no dividends; price falls to B82. Buy 4-train from bank for \$300 and 3-train from AT&SF for \$579.

T&P: Base token in J5; buy GRSC from Bailey for \$40; buy CSC from Bailey for \$160; place closed port token in N17. Lay #141(se) in K4; no train, no run price to B82b; buy 5-train (-\$450). **PHASE CHANGE:** Private companies close, train limit is 2, brown tiles available.

FW&D: Lay #170 (nw) in J3. Run J5-K4-J3 (\$80) and J5-J3-B9 (\$100). Pay dividends (PZ +\$108, CH & MF +\$18, FWD +\$36). Price to E90.

GM&O: Lay #15(ne) in N17, run train: M22-M20-N17 for \$80, pay dividends! (MF +\$40, GM&O +\$32), stock moves to E76 no train purchase.

StLSW: Home token in H17. Tile #41(sw) in C8. Token in E12 (-\$40). No train, no dividends, price to F64. Buy 3-train from FWD for \$1 and 5-train from bank for \$450. **DESTINATION RUN:** Destination token in J3. Run J3*-E12-H13-H17 (\$190) and J3*-K4-J5 (\$130). Withhold.

KATY: Lay #170(sw) in B11; run E12-B11-B9-J3 (\$160), withhold; price to H55y.

PLAYER STATUS:

Chris Bailey: \$257, 4* KATY, 6* T&P
 Chuck Hanna: \$216, 7* AT&SF, 2 KATY, 5* MP, 1 FW&D
 Paul Zieske: \$165, 1 SP, 6* FW&D, 1 AT&SF, 1 SL&SF, 5* StLSW <Priority>
 Paul Bolduc: \$152, 3* SL&SF, 1 KATY, 1 AT&SF, 2 SP
 Mark Frueh: \$199, 6* SP, 5* GM&O, 1 FW&D, 1 KATY

CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Held	Cash	Dest	Trains	Tokens
SP	MF	C160	68	0	0	1	23	nc	34	N1, M6, 1, D
SL&SF	PB	D140	100	0	5	1	307	nc	34	E12, H17, 1, D
AT&SF	CH	D110	72	0	1	0	649	nc	3-	B9, B11, 1, D
FW&D	PZ	E90	82	2	0	0	457	nc	4-	J3, 1, D
MP	CH	B82a	100	4	0	0	81	nc	35	(C18), 2, D
T&P	CB	B82b	100	4	0	0	350	nc	5-	J5, 1, D
GM&O	MF	E76	76	4	1	0	239	nc	3-	M20, 1, D
StLSW	PZ	F64	72	4	1	0	549	yes	35	H17, E12, J3*
KATY	CB	H55y	68	0	0	2	266	nc	4-	B11, B9, 1, D

The Bank has \$8,090.

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MERCHANT OF VENUS

"Graw"

3 More Cultures Discovered!



The Cast:

Paul Barrett: Eepeeep, \$70

Debbie Anderson: Brego the Wynom in *Secretariat*, \$90

Ron Fisher: Why the Gossuth in *The Thunderbolt Greasestapper II*, \$40

Bob Dowrey: Nik, \$60

Turns 4.3-7.1

4.3 Gossuth: Roll 3,3,4,6. Use 6 as pilot. Poisonport(s)-o-B-o-?(Y10, -S10)-R-B-NC6-?(R20, -S20)-NC Wet Landing(s)-s). Discover Graw, get IOU, buy Spice (-\$30).

4.4 Nik: Sells paperweight (+\$160), draw demand for liquor @ 9a. Buy shield and genes for IOU and \$60.

5.1 Eepeeep: Sell two pelts (+\$220), draw demand for pelts @ 6 & demand for spice @ 3, trade-in Scout (30 cr) for Clipper (-\$90), buy servomechanism for cash & IOU (-\$100, 100 cr).

5.2 Wynom: Roll 1,1,5, move Painfall(s)-o-Y10(-S10)-R-B-Y-B.

5.3 Gossuth: Roll 3,3,5,6. Use 3 as pilot. Wet Landing(s)-o-R-Y-B-Y-R-NC-R-Y-R-B-R-B-Y-B-R.

5.4 Nik: Roll 2,3,5. Desolation Landing(s)-o-R-B-R(Y)-A-R-B(Y30)-R30se(-S10)-B30.

6.1 Eepeeep: Roll 3,3,4,6. Goliath(s)-o-R-B-Y-B10(-S10)-R10(-S10)-B-Y-B-R-Aerie(glimpse culture)-A-R20(-S20)-?(TG6)-ACW. Discover Humans (4b), get IOU, buy videos (IOU & \$30).

6.2 Wynom: Roll 2,3,5. B-R-B-Y-o-OP. Stop, discover Niks, get IOU, sell silk, draw demand for Wine @ 4a, buy factory, toys, shield, wine (+\$220 - IOU -\$120-80+40-60-20).

6.3 Gossuth: Roll 1,3,5,6. Move R-B-Y-R-B-o-B-B-o-RumblePort(s). Discover Nillis, get IOU, trade IOU for perfume.

6.4 Nik: Roll 2,4,5. Move B30-R-?B40, -S20)-o-Whaleport(s).

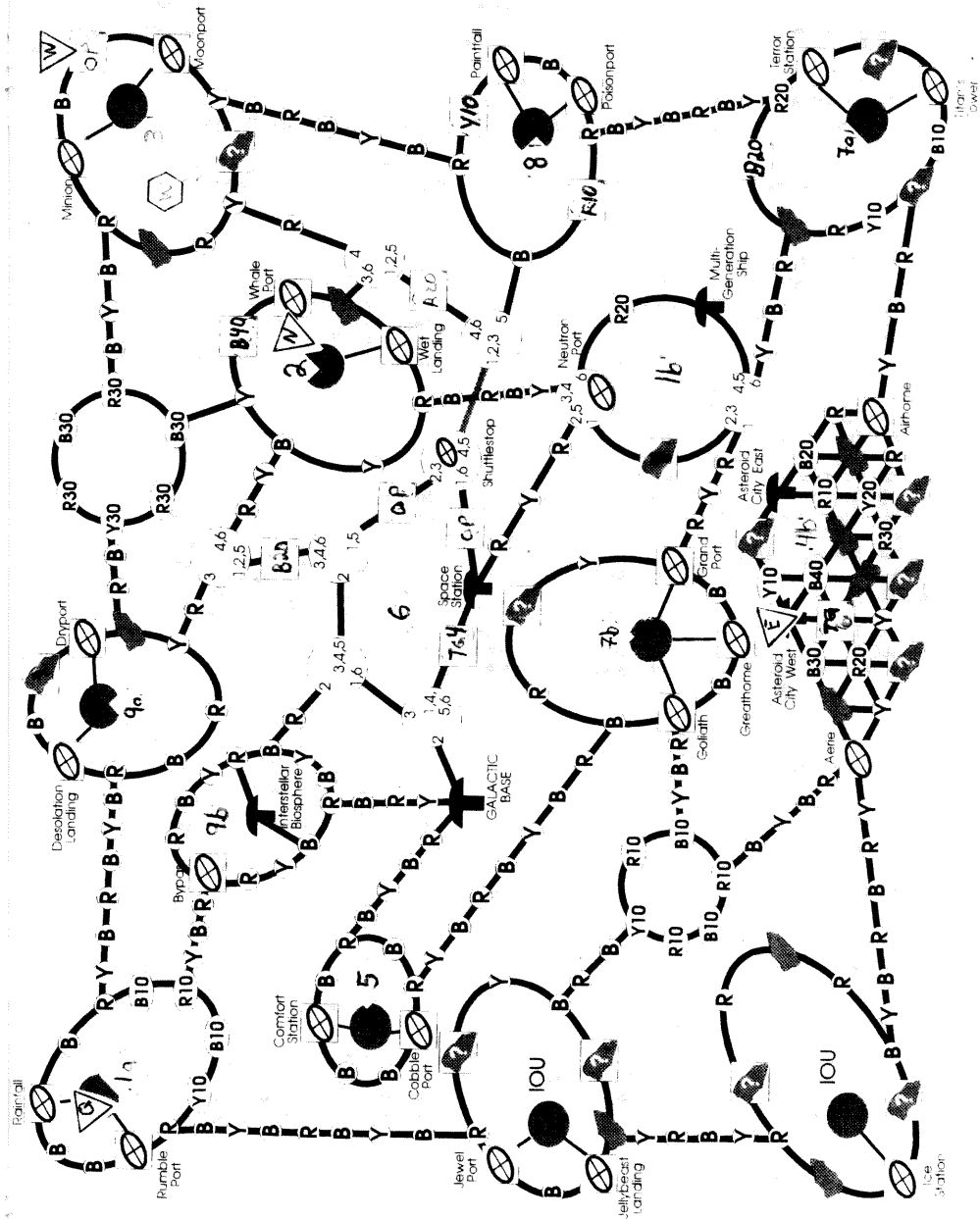
7.1 Eepeeep: Roll 1,1,4,6. Move ACW...

PLAYER STATUS

Player	Barrett	Anderson	Fisher	Dowrey
Face	Eepeeep	Wynom	Gossuth	Nik
Ship	Clipper	Scout	Clipper	Scout
Cash	\$30	\$60	\$10	\$130
IOUs	8,2	..
Hull	..	Shield	..	R Yellow Dr, Shield
Hold 1	Servomech	Toys	Spice	Genes
Hold 2	Videos	Wine	Perfume	..
Deeds	..	Nik Factory

CULTURE STATUS

Culture	System	Goods	Factory	Demands
Tinkerers	Galactic Base	Fare to 4a
1a Nillis	Rogue Planet	Perfume(x4)	Available	...
1b Volois	Mult Generation Ship	Silk(x5)	Available	...
2 Graw	Water World	Spice(x5)	Available	...
3 Niks	Inhabited Moon	Wine(5)	Sold	Spice
4a Dell	???	Dust(x6)	Available	Wine
4b Humans	Asteroid System	Videos(4)	Available	...
5 Shenna	Colony World	Pelts(x4)	Available	...
6 Yxklyx	Space Station World	Grease(x6)	Available	Pelts
7a Zum	War-Torn System	Liquor(5)	Available	...
7b Eepeeeps	Giant Planet	Servomechs(x3)	Available	...
8 Wynomis	Polluted Planet	Furniture(x5)	Available	...
9a Cholos	Desert World	Genes(x5)	Available	Liquor
9b Wollow	Interstellar Biosphere	Paperwts(x4)	Available	...
10 Gossuth	???	Sculpture(x4)	Available	...





SILVERTON

SNOW!



PLAYER STATUS:

- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$2,850, S+2,S,P,P, #14(1 Ag), #18(1 Ag), #65(3 C), #15
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$3,275, S+1,S,P+1,P, #57(4 C), #6, A3
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$5,225, S+1,S,P+1,P, A20, #83
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$8,450, S,S,P+2,P, #13(7 C), #51(3 C), #53(4 C), A5, #35

Anderson declines #38.

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 16 Aspen (Ag) \$200/\$200 | 38 Taos (L) \$200/\$150 |
| 39 Lumberton (L) \$800/\$250 | 42 Vallecitos (L) \$300/\$150 |
| 55 Bowie (C) \$400/\$200 | 56 Aspen (C) \$300/\$150 |
| 78 Hillsboro (Ag) \$500/\$200 | 90 McGaffey (L) \$200/\$150 |
| 104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250 | A1, A2, A4, A6, A19, B7, B8, B22 |
| The Deck | |

Turn 3b

- #1: Operate #14 (-\$200: 9 = 1 Ag), #15(-\$150: 2+6 = 0.5 Ag), #18(-\$200: 6 = D), #65 (-\$150, 7 = 3 C). Deliver 6 C from #65 to Denver (+\$1800).
 #2: Operate #57 (-\$200: 3 = 4 C) & A3 (+\$400). No deliveries.
 #3: Operate A20 (+\$300) & #83 (-\$250: 5+6 = 3 Cu). No deliveries.
 #4: Operate #43 (-\$150: 2 = D), #51(-\$100: 9 = 3 C), #53(-\$100: 8 = 3 C), A5 (+\$100). No deliveries.

The Market: (IDN = 1)

Au:	2 + (0x4) = 2 =	+1	6000	EPL:	5 + 0 - 1 = 4	+1	300
Ag:	3 + (0x2)-1 = 2 =	+3	3030	Den C:	12 + (6/2) - 1 = 14 - 3		150
Cu:	2 + 0 = 2 =	+2	1200	SLC C:	4 + (0/2) - 1 = 3	+2	500
Den L:	3 + 0 - 1 = 7	-1	500	Pueb C:	7 + 0 - 1 = 6	NC	100U
SLC L:	3 + 0 - 1 = 2	+2	600	SFC:	5 + 0 - 1 = 4	+1	300L
Pueb L:	11 + 0 - 1 = 10	-2	300	EPC:	10 + 0 - 1 = 9	-1	300U
SFL:	5 + 0 - 1 = 5	+1	800				

DEPLETIONS: #10, #18, #43.

Turn 4a (SNOW!)

- #1: Prospect #16 (-\$200) & #56 (Dispute!). Survey Walsenburg-Trinidad (-\$400) & Pueblo-Canon City (-\$500).
 #2: Prospect(+1) #56 (Dispute!) & A2 (-\$525). Survey (+1) Canon City-Salida (-\$900) & Hot S Springs-Orested (-\$500).
 #3: Prospect(+1) #78 (-\$500) & the Deck (#54). Survey Whitewater-Santa Rita (-\$300) & Socorro-Belen (-\$500).
 #4: Prospect(+2) #55 (-\$400) and deck (#103). Survey Ouray UT-Rangely (-\$700), and Rangely-Elk Springs (12 > 4 = y -\$400).

Dispute Resolution:

- #56: Nichols (10) vs Morrison (3+1). Nichols wins the claim (-\$300).

PLAYER STATUS:

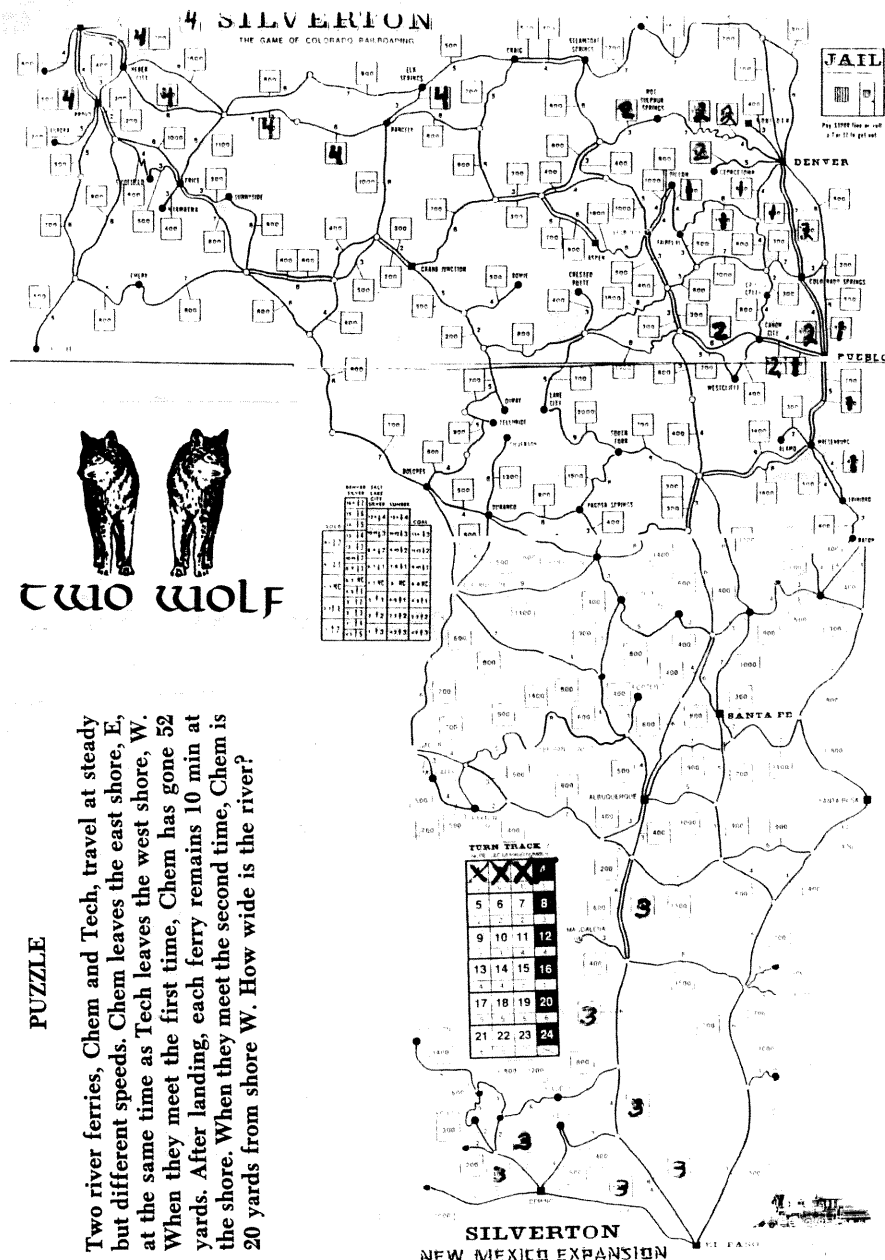
- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$2,550, S+2,S,P,P, #14(2 Ag), #18(1 Ag, D), #65, #15(0.5 Ag), #16, #56
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$1,530, S+1,S,P+1,P, #57(8 C), #6, A3, A2
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$3,275, S+1,S,P+1,P, A20, #83 (3 Cu), #78, #54?
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$6,700, S,S,P+2,P, #13(7 C, D), #51(6 C), #53(7 C), A5, #35, #55, #103?

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

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| 103 Westcliffe (Ag) \$300/\$100 | 104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250 |
| A1, A4, A6, A19, B7, B9, B10, B22 | The Deck |

Due next times are your orders for Turn 4 operations and deliveries and Turn 5 prospecting and surveying. Remember, Turn 4 is a SNOW turn.

LEGEND: Claims in **bold** are unworked. Underlined depletions, Leadville. Ag = silver, Au = gold, C = coal, Cu = copper, L = lumber or lower, m = middle, FAX = passenger, u = upper.



PUZZLE

Two river ferries, Chem and Tech, travel at steady but different speeds. Chem leaves the east shore, E, at the same time as Tech leaves the west shore, W. When they meet the first time, Chem has gone 52 yards. After landing, each ferry remains 10 min at the shore. When they meet the second time, Chem is 20 yards from shore W. How wide is the river?



HISTORY OF THE WORLD

KOKAAS



THE CAST:

Dave Anderson: Orange
Cary Nichols: Azure

Kevin Wilson: Green
Rudy Zodda: Purple

Laird Khaoz: Ebony
Wayne Morrison: Red

Optionals: Preservation of Culture, Fortresses, Persistence of Culture, and US Navy are in play.

Score (VP/SP): R(108/41) P(87/42), A(42+/49), G(93/54), E(71/29) O(90/33)

THE BOARD:

AI: NEP(3); **AII:** Gol(c,f); **AIII:** Cre Mor(c); **AIV:** Cau, EAn(EM), ESt, Hok, Hon, Kor, Man, Mon, PPI(RM), WSt, Zag; **AV:** Sze(C), ...

EI: Mal(c,f); **EII:** UTI(OM); **EIII:** GaD(C,EM); **EIV:** GaV, Lin(RM), PSD, Uln(RM).

GI: Pal(c,f); **GII:** GPI, PSb; **GIII:** Alb, Nil(GM); **GIV:** CEu, Dan(2), Dnl; **GV:** EGh(C), ED(c,EM);

GVI: Sha

OI: Lib; **OII:** LTic(f), MTic(f), Nub, UNic(F); **OIII:** Eln; **OIV:** Tar(PM), Tur, Wei, Yel(PM).

PIII: Hig(c,f); **PIV:** Bal(C,Religion), Dal, Nap, Pin, SAPc(GM), Wan; **PV:** CMa, LRh, NGA(C,Architecture), Pyr.

RI: CAm(C), Gui, Hin(2), WDe; **RII:** Lev; **RIII:** GPC, Yan(2,c,OM); **RIV:** Cheff, Mek(C,f), SiK; **RV:** ESb, Ire, Sea, Sib, WGa, Wlb.

Fleets: Atl(R), Bla(P), BoB(G), EMS(G), Nth(R), SCS(R), WMS(G).

Fujwara (A): Play: 1A,C @ Hon, 1 F @ SoJ, 1A @ GPC (6,6,4,4 -1RIII).

SWAG (A): Play "Crusade" 1AI @ Pal (6+1,5,5+1,1 -1GI ±c,f), Pin(6+1,2,5,3 -1PIV), Bal (6+1,5,1,1 -1PIV,C,Religion +c). Play 1A,C @ Sze (1RIII r-Yan); 1A @ SiK (4,3,2,2 -RIV); 3A @ Yan (6,4,2; 4,3,6; 1,1,6; 5,4,1 -2AV, 2RIII,c); 2A @ Wei (2,1,4; 5,5,1 -1OIV), 2F @ SCS (3,1,1 -1RF). VP: 42 + C(2x2) + c(3) + M(0x2 +3) + S(2) + Mid E(D=4) + China(D=6) + S Eur(P=3) + Eurasia(D=2) = 67.

SELMK TRKS (F): Play "Barbarians" @ Tib; attack Tar (5,1,3 -1OIV), Wei (4,3,2,1 -1AV), Sze (3,2,2 -1AV,C +c), GaD (6,1,2 -1EIII,C +c), GaV(4,1,4; 6,4,3 -1EIV), Uln (3,2,6= nol). Play 1A @ Tur (-1OIV), 4A @ PPI (5,4,5,2; 4,3,6,1; 4,2,4,1; 3,2,6,1; 3,2,4,3; 6,3,4,1 -3EV, 1AIV), 2A,EM @ Zag (4,1,5; 6,3,1 -1EV, 1AIV), 1A @ EAn (6,5,3 -1AIV), Tar, WSt (6,2,5 -1AIV), Dnl (6,3,6; 3,3,2 -1AIV), CEur (6,1,5,1 -1GIIV). VP = 71 + c(1) + M(2x2 +5) + Mid E(D=4) + China(P=3) + India(P=3) + N Eur(P=2) + SE Asia(P=2) + Eurasia(P=1) = 93.

MONGOLS (O): Play "Jihad" and "Allies". 1A @ Mon (1AIV r-Man), Wei, Sze, GPC (6,5,2,1 -1AI); 1F @ SoJ (6,5,2,4 -1AF) 2A @ Yan (3,2,1,5; 4,4,3,3 -1OV, 1AV); 1A @ Che (5,4,2,2+1 -1RIV,f), SiK (6,5,1,2 -1AIV, -2AF @ SCS), Tar (6,5,2,3 -1EV), Irr; 5A,OM @ Mek (3,3,1,6+1,2; 2,1,1,4+1; 6,4,1,5+1,1; 4,3,1,5+1,3; 2,2,1,4+1,2; 5,5,5,3+1,2 -4OV, 1RIV,f,C +c); 1A @ GaD (-c); 2A @ EDe (2,1,3,1; 6,1,5,2 -1GV,c); 1A,OM @ EGh (3,3,1 -1GV,C +c, -GF @ BoB); 1A @ WDe (3,1,3 -1RI), Uln (3,2,2 -1EIV). VP: 90 + c(5) + M(3x2 +5) + S(1) + Mid E(P=2) + N Afr(D=4) + China(C=9) + India(D=6) + SE Asia(D=4) + Eurasia(P=1) = 133.

Words of wisdom from the Great Khan: Never look away from gift horse in mouth or else you look like horse hindquarter.

As Great Khan given open foot in door of China and India rest of body followed.

Score (VP/SP): R(108/41), E(96/41), P(87/42), A(67/49), G(93/54), O(133/55)

THE BOARD:

AI: Bal(c, Hon(C), NEP(3), Pin; **AII:** Gol(c,f); **AIII:** Cre, Mor(c); **AIV:** Cau, ESt, Hok(2), Kor, Man(2).

EI: Mal(c,f); **EII:** UTI(OM); **EIV:** Lin(RM), PSD; **EV:** CEu, Dnl, EAn(EM), PPI(RM), Tur, WSt, Zag(EM).

GI: Pal(c,f); **GII:** GPI, PSb; **GIII:** Alb, Nil(GM); **GIV:** Dan(2); **GVI:** Sha.

OI: Lib; **OII:** LTic(f), MTic(f), Nub, UNic(F); **OIII:** Eln; **OIV:** Yel(PM); **OV:** Che, EDe(EM),

EGh(c,OM), GaD(EM), GPC Mek(c,OM), Mor, SiK, Sze, Tar(PM), Uln(RM), WDe, Yan(OM).

PIII: Hig(c,f); **PIV:** Dal, Nap, SAPc(GM), Wan; **PV:** CMa, LRh, NGA(C,Architecture), Pyr.

RI: CAm(C), Gui, Hin(2); **RII:** Lev; **RV:** BSb, Ire, Sea, Sib, WGa, Wlb.
Fleets: Atl(R), Bla(P), EMS(G), Nth(R), SoJ(O), WMS(G).

EPOCH VI

Red holds. Ebony holds. Purple holds. Azure Green Orange must.

--RAIL BARON (continued from p 9)

DESTINATION CHART

Player	Blue	Purple	Green	Red
Home	Chattanooga	Little Rock	Minneapolis	Rapid City
1st	Casper	Los Angeles	Charlotte	Boston
2nd	St Louis	Atlanta	Des Moines	Louisville*
3rd	Los Angeles	Las Vegas	Detroit	San Diego*
4th	Knoxville*		New York	
5th			Knoxville	
6th			Denver	

* Used hostile track

--"Bret Maverick" (continued from p 11)

Available Trains: 55666888,10,10,12....

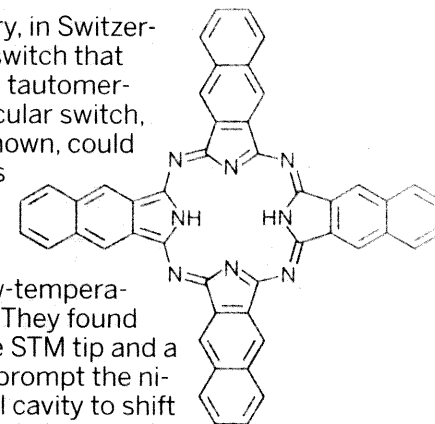
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Yellow: 1(1), 2(1), 3(3), 4(5), 5(0), 6(1), 7(7), 8(8), 9(15), 55(1), 56(1), 57(2), 58(4), 69(1)
Green: 14(0), 15(1), 16(2), 17(2), 18(2), 19(2), 20(2), 23(4), 24(4), 25(2), 26(2), 27(2), 28(2), 29(2), 141(1), 142(2), 143(1), 144(1)
Brown: 39(1), 40(2), 41(2), 42(3), 43(2), 44(1), 45(2), 46(2), 47(2), 63(5), 70(2), 145(2), 146(2), 147(2), 170(2).

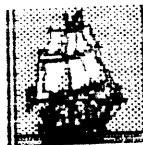
NAPHTHALOCYANINE SWITCHEROO

Chemists at IBM Zurich Research Laboratory, in Switzerland, have come up with a single-molecule switch that shifts from one form to another via a simple tautomerization (*Science* 2007, 317, 1203). The molecular switch, based on the naphthalocyanine molecule shown, could be easier to integrate into electronic devices than molecular switches that rely upon

drastic conformational changes. To probe the switching phenomenon, Peter Liljeroth, Jascha Repp, and Gerhard Meyer used a low-temperature scanning tunneling microscope (STM). They found that increasing the bias voltage between the STM tip and a naphthalocyanine molecule allows them to prompt the nitrogen-bound hydrogen atoms in the central cavity to shift to neighboring nitrogen atoms, a change that's formally equivalent to rotating the molecule 90°. The researchers suggest that this well-defined and reversible switching process would make naphthalocyanines useful building blocks for more complex molecular devices.



ON DECK



1835: Hanna, Zieske
AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland
ATTIKA: Barrett
BALKAN WARS: K Wilson, Dave A
CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Nichols, Zieske, Fryling (need 1 to 7 more)
COLONIAL DIP: Burgdorf, Copeland, Nichols, Dave A (need 3 more)
EVO: Barrett
GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 or 5 more
LIFT-OFF: York, Dave Anderson
MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A (need 4-8 more)
RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Scott, Martin
SAMURAI (AH): Copeland
WIZARD'S QUEST: Crowe, Fisher, Lenoir

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For a decade we've been ruled by New Labour
 A party which once posed as our saviour
 But they've made such a mess
 That we now pay more for less
 And now only the immigrants are in favour.

by Robert Skynner -- the editor of the *Tory Bleeder*, the world's most right wing Zine.

